



Getting to know the SEND Local Offer

There is a lot of information on the Local Offer. Here are some examples.

- [Early Years Autism](#) - one place to find information about what autism is, getting a diagnosis and Early Years Autism Support
- [Communication and Interaction](#) - this information has been added by the SENSS Communication and Interaction Service. It is to help teachers and other professionals who work with children and young people with autism and communication and interaction needs but includes information for parents and carers.
- [Keeping safe online and when socialising](#) – this includes links to information about the Oxfordshire Safe Places Scheme which aims to help vulnerable children and adults feel confident and safe when out and about.
- [Things to do](#) – this includes a postcode finder to help you find out about activities which might be in your area as well as information about the Max Card which is a discount card for families of disabled children and children with additional needs. It is free to families in Oxfordshire.

Matters arising from the Local Offer Champions Meeting

- Following a demonstration in June from a company who support the Local Offer in other areas, advice has been taken about what might be possible in Oxfordshire. Currently the ICT Strategy is being developed in Oxfordshire so further development of the Local Offer will be informed by this. The Local Offer Champions group are reporting on progress to the SEND Performance Board.
- A number of members of the current Local Offer Champions group are retiring. It is felt that this is an opportunity to review the role, purpose and membership of the group with refreshed Terms of Reference. This recommendation will be made to the SEND Performance Board.
- In September, schools were asked to link the SEND Local Offer from their school websites and to use it when meeting with families. They were reminded that all current guidance and forms used by schools and settings are available under the SEND Information for Providers tab.
- All teams are continuing to review and update their pages and are being encouraged to promote and use in their work with families and young people

We hope this Local Offer report has been helpful and wish everyone all the best for the coming festive season and for 2020

